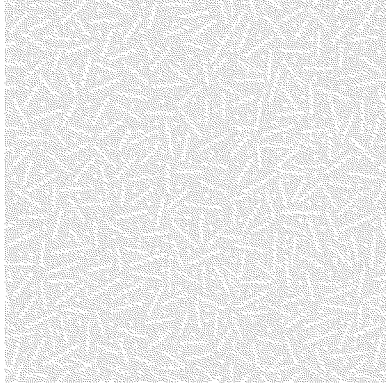


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Cc: Darren Morris[dmorris@toeroek.com]
From: Rudy, Michael
Sent: Wed 7/23/2014 10:09:40 PM
Subject: RE: Research on Paradise Claim, "White Death Mine"



Thank-you for the quick turn-around on this. The information is very helpful and is what we needed. We will let you know if we need anything else.

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To: Rudy, Michael; Sisk, Richard
Cc: Darren Morris
Subject: RE: Research on Paradise Claim, "White Death Mine"

Hi Mike,

When we talked yesterday, you mentioned that the Paradise Claim/White Death Mine is located on the Middle Fork of Mineral Creek and that high quantities of aluminum are being discharged from the mine. Below are the findings of some preliminary research.

Neither the San Juan County Assessor nor BLM websites contain information regarding a "Paradise Claim." The USGS Professional Paper 1651, entitled *Integrated Investigations of Environmental Effects of Historical Mining in the Animas River Watershed, San Juan County, Colorado* (Chapter E5 - Mine Inventory and Compilation of Mine-Adit Chemistry Data), lists a Paradise Mine/Paradise portal in the Upper Animas Watershed. The Paradise Mine is located at the fork of Paradise Creek and Middle Fork of Mineral Creek. Analytical results show that the Paradise Mine is discharging elevated levels of aluminum and iron, as well as other constituents (i.e., 8,600 to 27,000 ug/L aluminum and 67,000 to 77,000 ug/L iron). The Paradise Mine/Paradise portal is also referred to as the Governor Mine (vol1_chapE5, pp. 8, 31, 40, 46, 52; also see vol1_chapE10). The Governor, Gem, Little Jim, and Eva lodes, M.S. 13249, are located at the junction of Paradise Creek and Middle Fork (Plat_S4-T41N-R8W).

According to the San Juan County Assessor's office, the Governor, Gem, Little Jim, and Eva lodes, M.S. 13249, and Isabella, M.S. 15459, are currently owned by Subol, Inc. (SJCA-Governor). The Compass, M.S. 2034, and Compass #2, M.S. 2035, which are also in this area, are owned by Citizen Name/Ex. 6 (SJCA-Compass; SJCA-Compass2).

Please let us know if you need additional information.

Thank you,

Lindsay Garner | Project Manager

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From: Rudy, Michael [<mailto:Rudy.Mike@epa.gov>]
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To: Sisk, Richard
Cc: Lindsay Garner; Darren Morris
Subject: Research on Paradise Claim, "White Death Mine"

Richard, some peripheral research from looking for the owners of Paradise Claim (Adit), White Death Mine.

Upper Animas River. The upper Animas watershed, along with the Boulder River watershed in Montana, was selected as a national pilot watershed by the land management agencies in cooperation with other federal and state agencies. The Animas River Stakeholders Group is coordinating efforts by government agencies, private companies, public concern groups, and individuals to identify, characterize, and eventually remediate mining-related sources of metals in the upper Animas River basin. In the upper Animas watershed, Mineral Creek and its tributaries are on NFS lands. Within the Mineral Creek watershed, 20 sites needing further investigation were identified by the inventory. The more notable sites include the Bonner Mine, the Bandora Mine, the Brooklyn Mine, and the Paradise (White Death) Mine.

http://swcenter.fortlewis.edu/finding_aids/inventory/UsfSanJuanTCP.htm#IITOC

A check with the recorder's office did not disclose any pertinent information. I will call Toeroek.

<http://www.thecountyrecorder.com/Search.aspx>

Thanks,

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